

203C.15 Insurance required — exception.

1. All agricultural products in storage in a licensed warehouse and all agricultural products which have been deposited temporarily in a licensed warehouse pending storage or for purposes other than storage, shall be kept fully insured by the warehouse operator for the current value of the agricultural products against loss by fire, inherent explosion, or windstorm.

a. The insurance shall be carried in an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in this state, and evidence of the insurance coverage in a form approved by the department shall be filed with the department. An insurance policy shall not be canceled by the insurance company on less than ninety days' notice by certified mail to the department and the principal unless the policy is being replaced with another policy and evidence of the new policy is filed with the department at the time of cancellation of the policy on file.

b. The insurance shall be provided by, and carried in the name of, the warehouse operator. However, whenever the department shall receive notice from an insurance company that it has canceled the insurance of a licensed warehouse, the department shall automatically suspend the warehouse license if replacement insurance is not received by the department within seventy-five days of receipt of the notice of cancellation. The department shall cause an inspection of the licensed warehouse immediately at the end of the seventy-five-day period. If replacement insurance is not filed within another ten days following suspension, the warehouse license shall be automatically revoked.

2. When a license is revoked, the department shall notify each holder of an outstanding warehouse receipt and all known persons who have grain retained in open storage of the revocation. The department shall further notify each receipt holder and all known persons who have grain retained in open storage that the grain must be removed from the warehouse not later than the thirtieth day following the revocation. The notice shall be sent by ordinary mail to the last known address of each person having grain in storage as provided in this subsection.

3. Claimants against the insurance have precedence in the following order:

a. Holders of warehouse receipts other than the warehouse operator and owners of bulk grain other than the warehouse operator.

b. Owners of all other agricultural products as their interests appear.

c. Warehouse operators who have warehouse receipts.

d. Warehouse operators owners of bulk grain.

4. However, notwithstanding the insurance requirements set forth in this section, a licensed warehouse may exclude from the insurance coverage stored grain to which title is fully vested in the United States government or any of its subdivisions or agencies, provided that the licensed warehouse has on file with the United States government or any of its subdivisions or agencies a current and accepted uninsured storage rate under the provisions of their uniform grain storage agreement. The licensed warehouse shall file a copy of the current uninsured tariff rate with the department immediately upon acceptance of the uninsured rate by the United States government or any of its subdivisions or agencies.

[C24, 27, 31, §9725; C35, §9751-g7; C39, §9751.07; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §543.15]

86 Acts, ch 1006, §6; 86 Acts, ch 1103, §1; 86 Acts, ch 1152, §26; 89 Acts, ch 143, §804

C93, §203C.15

2009 Acts, ch 41, §217